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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2530/2000
of 17 November 2000
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and
vegetables**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto.

- (2) In compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	101,5
	204	95,0
	999	98,3
0709 90 70	052	86,1
	999	86,1
0805 20 10	204	70,2
	999	70,2
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	60,0
	999	60,0
	052	65,3
0805 30 10	528	28,7
	600	76,7
	999	56,9
	052	116,5
	400	285,1
0806 10 10	504	235,7
	508	410,1
	632	22,0
	999	213,9
	039	82,1
	388	41,1
	400	74,3
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	404	87,8
	999	71,3
	052	73,7
	064	59,9
	400	111,1
	999	81,6
	052	73,7
0808 20 50	064	59,9
	400	111,1
	999	81,6

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2531/2000
of 17 November 2000
prohibiting fishing for cod by vessels flying the flag of Portugal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1902/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down quotas for cod for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and II (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of

Portugal or registered in Portugal have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Portugal has prohibited fishing for this stock from 2 November 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and II (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Portugal for 2000.

Fishing for cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and II (Norwegian waters) by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 2 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 228, 8.9.2000, p. 50.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2532/2000
of 17 November 2000
prohibiting fishing for cod by vessels flying the flag of Portugal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 of 17 December 1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1902/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, lays down quotas for cod for 2000.
- (2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.
- (3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and IIb by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in

Portugal have exhausted the quota allocated for 2000. Portugal has prohibited fishing for this stock from 6 November 2000. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and IIb by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Portugal for 2000.

Fishing for cod in the waters of ICES divisions I and IIb by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transshipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 6 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 228, 8.9.2000, p. 50.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2533/2000
of 17 November 2000
repealing Regulation (EC) No 2336/2000 prohibiting fishing for sprat by vessels flying the flag of Sweden

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2846/98 of 17 December 1998 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2336/2000 ⁽³⁾ prohibits fishing for sprat in ICES divisions IIIb, c and d ⁽⁴⁾ by vessels flying the flag of Sweden or registered in Sweden.
- (2) On 26 October 2000, Denmark transferred to Sweden 3 000 tonnes of sprat in ICES divisions IIIb, c and d. Fishing for sprat in ICES divisions IIIb, c and d by vessels

flying the flag of Sweden or registered in Sweden should therefore be authorised. Regulation (EC) No 2336/2000 should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2336/2000 is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 269, 21.10.2000, p. 19.

⁽⁴⁾ EC waters.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2534/2000
of 17 November 2000**

amending Regulation (EC) No 2709/1999 opening Community tariff quotas for 2000 for sheep, goats, sheepmeat and goatmeat falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 10, 0104 20 90 and 0204 and derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 as regards the import and export of products in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector and amending Regulation (EC) No 1439/95

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3066/95 of 22 December 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreements to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2435/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3491/93 of 13 December 1993 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3296/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3297/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3382/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and

Romania, of the other part ⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3383/94 of 19 December 1994 on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part ⁽⁷⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1727/2000 of 31 July 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Hungary ⁽⁸⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2433/2000 of 17 October 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with the Czech Republic ⁽⁹⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2434/2000 of 17 October 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with the Slovak Republic ⁽¹⁰⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2435/2000 of 17 October 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Romania ⁽¹¹⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2290/2000 of 9 October 2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with the Republic of Bulgaria ⁽¹²⁾, and in particular Article 1(3) thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 328, 20.12.1995, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 13.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 319, 21.12.1993, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 341, 30.12.1994, p. 17.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 5.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 198, 4.8.2000, p. 6.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 9.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 17.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) Annex A of Regulation (EC) No 1727/2000 lays down the quantities of certain agricultural products that may be imported from Hungary with a total exemption from customs duty subject to tariff quotas, ceilings or reference quantities from 1 July 2000.
- (2) Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No 2433/2000 lays down the quantities of certain agricultural products that may be imported from the Czech Republic with a total exemption from customs duty subject to tariff quotas, ceilings or reference quantities from 1 July 2000.
- (3) Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No 2434/2000 lays down the quantities of certain agricultural products that may be imported from the Slovak Republic with a total exemption from customs duty subject to tariff quotas, ceilings or reference quantities from 1 July 2000.
- (4) Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No 2435/2000 lays down the quantities of certain agricultural products that may be imported from Romania with a total exemption from customs duty subject to tariff quotas, ceilings or reference quantities from 1 July 2000.
- (5) Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No 2290/2000 lays down the quantities of certain agricultural products that may be imported from the Republic of Bulgaria with a total exemption from customs duty subject to tariff quotas, ceilings or reference quantities from 1 July 2000.
- (6) As the imports are managed on a calendar year basis, the quantities foreseen for 2000 are the sum of half of the quantity for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 and half of the quantity for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.
- (7) Accordingly it is necessary to amend Commission Regulation (EC) No 2709/1999 of 17 December 1999 establishing Community tariff quotas for 2000 for sheep, goats, sheepmeat and goatmeat falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 10, 0104 20 90 and 0204 and derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 as regards the import and export of products in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector ⁽¹⁾ and to amend Commission Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2709/1999 ⁽³⁾, in order to take account of these concessions.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for sheepmeat and goatmeat,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1439/95 is replaced by the following:

'1. Licence applications and licences shall bear in Box 8 the name of the country of origin. In the case of products falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80 and 0104 20 90, and for Poland CN code 0104 20 10, licence applications and licences shall bear in Boxes 17 and 18 particulars of the net mass and where appropriate the number of animals to be imported.

A licence shall make it compulsory to import the products from the country indicated.'

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 2709/1999 is amended as follows:

1. The text of Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

The customs duties applicable to imports into the Community of sheep, goats, sheepmeat and goatmeat falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 90 and 0204 originating in the countries indicated in the Annexes and of live pure-bred breeding goats falling within CN code 0104 20 10 for Poland, shall be suspended or reduced during the periods, at the levels and within the limits of the tariff quotas laid down in this Regulation.'

2. Article 3(2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The quantities of live animals and meat expressed as carcass-weight equivalent, falling within CN codes 0104 10 30, 0104 10 80, 0104 20 90 and 0204 and, in addition, for Poland, falling within CN code 0104 20 10, for which the customs duty, applicable to imports originating in specific supplying countries, is reduced to zero for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2000, shall be those laid down in Annex II.'

3. Article 6(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. Title II A shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of the import of products falling within CN code 0104 20 10 for Poland.'

4. Article 6(2) is deleted.

5. Annex II is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply with effect from 1 July 2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 143, 27.6.1995, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 20.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

QUANTITIES FOR 2000 REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3(2)

Order No 09.4575

Duty rate zero (tonnes carcase weight equivalent)

	Live animals and/or meat
Poland	9 200
Romania	4 845
Hungary	14 072,5
Bulgaria	6 250
Czech Republic	2 125
Slovakia	4 250'

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2535/2000**of 17 November 2000****amending Annex I of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2391/2000 ⁽²⁾ and in particular Articles 6, 7 and 8 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90, maximum residue limits must be established progressively for all pharmacologically active substances which are used within the Community in veterinary medicinal products intended for administration to food-producing animals.
- (2) Maximum residue limits should be established only after the examination within the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products of all the relevant information concerning the safety of residues of the substance concerned for the consumer of foodstuffs of animal origin and the impact of residues on the industrial processing of foodstuffs.
- (3) In establishing maximum residue limits for residues of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin, it is necessary to specify the animal species in which residues may be present, the levels which may be present in each of the relevant meat tissues obtained from the treated animal (target tissue) and the nature of the residue which is relevant for the monitoring of residues (marker residue).
- (4) For the control of residues, as provided for in appropriate Community legislation, maximum residue limits should usually be established for the target tissues of liver or kidney. However, the liver and kidney are

frequently removed from carcasses moving in international trade, and maximum residue limits should therefore also always be established for muscle or fat tissues.

- (5) In the case of veterinary medicinal products intended for use in laying birds, lactating animals or honey bees, maximum residue limits must also be established for eggs, milk or honey.
- (6) Prednisolone should be inserted into Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90.
- (7) An adequate period should be allowed before the entry into force of this Regulation in order to allow Member States to make any adjustment which may be necessary to the authorisations to place the veterinary medicinal products concerned on the market which have been granted in accordance with Council Directive 81/851/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 93/40/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ to take account of the provisions of this Regulation.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I of Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is hereby amended as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from the sixtieth day following its publication.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 317, 6.11.1981, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 214, 24.8.1993, p. 31.

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 is amended as follows:

5. Corticoides

5.1. Glucocorticoids

Pharmacologically active substance(s)	Marker residue	Animal species	MRLs	Target tissues	Other provisions
'Prednisolone	Prednisolone	Bovine	4 µg/kg 4 µg/kg 10 µg/kg 10 µg/kg 6 µg/kg	Muscle Fat Liver Kidney Milk'	

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2536/2000
of 17 November 2000**

fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 64th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1670/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The intervention agencies are, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 of 15 December 1997 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 635/2000 ⁽⁴⁾, to sell by invitation to tender certain quantities of butter that they hold and to grant aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter. Article 18 of that Regulation stipulates that in the light of the tenders received in response to each individual invitation to tender a minimum selling price shall be fixed for butter and maximum aid shall be fixed for cream, butter and concentrated butter. It is further stipulated that the price

or aid may vary according to the intended use of the butter, its fat content and the incorporation procedure, and that a decision may also be taken to make no award in response to the tenders submitted. The amount(s) of the processing securities must be fixed accordingly.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The minimum selling prices and the maximum aid and processing securities applying for the 64th individual invitation to tender, under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97, shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 350, 20.12.1997, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 76, 25.3.2000, p. 9.

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to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 fixing the minimum selling prices for butter and the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 64th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

(EUR/100 kg)

Formula			A		B	
Incorporation procedure			With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers
Minimum selling price	Butter ≥ 82 %	Unaltered	—	225	—	—
		Concentrated	212	—	—	—
Processing security		Unaltered	—	144	—	—
		Concentrated	144	—	—	—
Maximum aid	Butter ≥ 82 %		95	91	—	91
	Butter < 82 %		92	88	—	88
	Concentrated butter		117	113	117	113
	Cream		—	—	40	38
Processing security	Butter		105	—	—	—
	Concentrated butter		129	—	129	—
	Cream		—	—	44	—

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2537/2000**of 17 November 2000****fixing the maximum aid for concentrated butter for the 236th special invitation to tender opened under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 429/90**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1670/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 429/90 of 20 February 1990 on the granting by invitation to tender of an aid for concentrated butter intended for direct consumption in the Community ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 124/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, the intervention agencies are opening a standing invitation to tender for the granting of aid for concentrated butter; Article 6 of that Regulation provides that in the light of the tenders received in response to each special invitation to tender, a maximum amount of aid is to be fixed for concentrated butter with a minimum fat content of 96 % or a decision is to be taken to make no award; whereas the end-use security must be fixed accordingly.

- (2) In the light of the tenders received, the maximum aid should be fixed at the level specified below and the end-use security determined accordingly.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 236th special invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender opened by Regulation (EEC) No 429/90, the maximum aid and the amount of the end-use security shall be as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| — maximum aid: | EUR 117/100 kg |
| — end-use security: | EUR 129/100 kg. |

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 45, 21.2.1990, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 16, 21.1.1999, p. 19.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2538/2000
of 17 November 2000
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 on the buying in of beef by invitation to tender

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 47(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 of 9 June 1989 on the buying in of beef by invitation to tender ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1597/2000 ⁽³⁾, opened buying in by invitation to tender in certain Member States or regions of a Member State for certain quality groups.
- (2) The application of Article 47(3), (4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 and the need to limit intervention to buying in the quantities necessary to ensure reasonable support for the market result, on the basis of

the prices of which the Commission is aware, in an amendment, in accordance with the Annex hereto, to the list of Member States or regions of a Member State where buying in is open by invitation to tender, and the list of the quality groups which may be bought in.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Beef and Veal,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89 is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 159, 10.6.1989, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 182, 21.7.2000, p. 17.

ANEXO — BILAG — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANEXO —
LIITE — BILAGA

Estados miembros o regiones de Estados miembros y grupos de calidades previstos en el apartado 1 del artículo 1 del Reglamento (CEE) n° 1627/89

Medlemsstater eller regioner og kvalitetsgrupper, jf. artikel 1, stk. 1, i forordning (EØF) nr. 1627/89
Mitgliedstaaten oder Gebiete eines Mitgliedstaats sowie die in Artikel 1 Absatz 1 der Verordnung (EWG) Nr. 1627/89 genannten Qualitätsgruppen

Κράτη μέλη ή περιοχές κρατών μελών και ομάδες ποιότητας που αναφέρονται στο άρθρο 1 παράγραφος 1 του κανονισμού (ΕΟΚ) αριθ. 1627/89

Member States or regions of a Member State and quality groups referred to in Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1627/89

États membres ou régions d'États membres et groupes de qualités visés à l'article 1^{er} paragraphe 1 du règlement (CEE) n° 1627/89

Stati membri o regioni di Stati membri e gruppi di qualità di cui all'articolo 1, paragrafo 1 del regolamento (CEE) n. 1627/89

In artikel 1, lid 1, van Verordening (EEG) nr. 1627/89 bedoelde lidstaten of gebieden van een lidstaat en kwaliteitsgroepen

Estados-Membros ou regiões de Estados-Membros e grupos de qualidades referidos no n.º 1 do artigo 1.º do Regulamento (CEE) n.º 1627/89

Jäsenvaltiot tai alueet ja asetukset (ETY) N:o 1627/89 1 artiklan 1 kohdan tarkoittamat laaturyhmitt
Medlemsstater eller regioner och kvalitetsgrupper som avses i artikel 1.1 i förordning (EEG) nr 1627/89

Estados miembros o regiones de Estados miembros	Categoría A			Categoría C		
Medlemsstat eller region	Kategori A			Kategori C		
Mitgliedstaaten oder Gebiete eines Mitgliedstaats	Kategorie A			Kategorie C		
Κράτος μέλος ή περιοχή κράτους μέλους	Κατηγορία Α			Κατηγορία Γ		
Member States or regions of a Member State	Category A			Category C		
États membres ou régions d'États membres	Catégorie A			Catégorie C		
Stati membri o regioni di Stati membri	Categoria A			Categoria C		
Lidstaat of gebied van een lidstaat	Categorie A			Categorie C		
Estados-Membros ou regiões de Estados-Membros	Categoria A			Categoria C		
Jäsenvaltiot tai alueet	Luokka A			Luokka C		
Medlemsstater eller regioner	Kategori A			Kategori C		
	U	R	O	U	R	O
France						×
Ireland						×

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2539/2000**of 17 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain, medium grain and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled grain, medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2283/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 10 to 16 November 2000 at 178,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2540/2000**of 17 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled round grain rice to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2281/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 10 to 16 November 2000 at 176,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2541/2000**of 17 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled medium grain and long grain A rice to be exported to certain European third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2282/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 10 to 16 November 2000 at 180,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 10.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2542/2000**of 17 November 2000****fixing the maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice in connection with the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An invitation to tender for the export refund on rice was issued pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 ⁽⁵⁾, allows the Commission to fix, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 and on the basis of the tenders submitted, a maximum export refund. In fixing this maximum, the criteria provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 must be taken into account. A contract is awarded to any tenderer whose tender is equal to or less than the maximum export refund.

(3) The application of the abovementioned criteria to the current market situation for the rice in question results in the maximum export refund being fixed at the amount specified in Article 1.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum export refund on wholly milled long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 30 67 to be exported to certain third countries pursuant to the invitation to tender issued in Regulation (EC) No 2284/2000 is hereby fixed on the basis of the tenders submitted from 10 to 16 November 2000 at 249,00 EUR/t.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 61, 7.3.1975, p. 25.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 35, 15.2.1995, p. 8.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2543/2000**of 17 November 2000****concerning tenders submitted in response to the invitation to tender for the export of husked long grain rice to the island of Réunion referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1667/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 of 6 September 1989 laying down detailed rules for exports of rice to Réunion ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1453/1999 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 9 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000 ⁽⁵⁾ opens an invitation to tender for the subsidy on rice exported to Réunion.
- (2) Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89 allows the Commission to decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95

and on the basis of the tenders submitted, to make no award.

- (3) On the basis of the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2692/89, a maximum subsidy should not be fixed.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

No action shall be taken on the tenders submitted from 13 to 16 November 2000 in response to the invitation to tender referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2285/2000 for the subsidy on exports to Réunion of husked long grain rice falling within CN code 1006 20 98.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 193, 29.7.2000, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 261, 7.9.1989, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 19.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 260, 14.10.2000, p. 19.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2544/2000
of 17 November 2000
altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in the natural state were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2459/2000 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2507/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) It follows from applying the detailed rules contained in amended Regulation (EC) No 2459/2000 to the information known to the Commission that the export

refunds at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, undenatured and exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to amended Regulation (EC) No 2459/2000 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 283, 9.11.2000, p. 6.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 289, 16.11.2000, p. 6.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 altering the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	A00	EUR/100 kg	35,64 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	A00	EUR/100 kg	32,09 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9950	A00	EUR/100 kg	⁽²⁾
1701 12 90 9100	A00	EUR/100 kg	35,64 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	A00	EUR/100 kg	32,09 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9950	A00	EUR/100 kg	⁽²⁾
1701 91 00 9000	A00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874
1701 99 10 9100	A00	EUR/100 kg	38,74
1701 99 10 9910	A00	EUR/100 kg	38,74
1701 99 10 9950	A00	EUR/100 kg	38,74
1701 99 90 9100	A00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %; if the yield is other than 92 %, the refund applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 (4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999.

⁽²⁾ Fixing suspended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2689/85 (OJ L 255, 26.9.1985, p. 12), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3251/85 (OJ L 309, 21.11.1985, p. 14).

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2545/2000
of 17 November 2000
amending representative prices and additional duties for the import of certain products in the
sugar sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed implementing rules for the import of products in the sugar sector other than molasses ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 624/98 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 1(2), and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The amounts of the representative prices and additional duties applicable to the import of white sugar, raw sugar and certain syrups are fixed by Commission Regulation

(EC) No 1411/2000 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2492/2000 ⁽⁶⁾.

- (2) It follows from applying the general and detailed fixing rules contained in Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 to the information known to the Commission that the representative prices and additional duties at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and additional duties on imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1423/95 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 85, 20.3.1998, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 161, 1.7.2000, p. 22.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 287, 14.11.2000, p. 44.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 amending representative prices and the amounts of additional duties applicable to imports of white sugar, raw sugar and products covered by CN code 1702 90 99

(EUR)

CN code	Amount of representative prices per 100 kg net of product concerned	Amount of additional duty per 100 kg net of product concerned
1701 11 10 ⁽¹⁾	28,09	2,86
1701 11 90 ⁽¹⁾	28,09	7,49
1701 12 10 ⁽¹⁾	28,09	2,72
1701 12 90 ⁽¹⁾	28,09	7,06
1701 91 00 ⁽²⁾	26,77	11,85
1701 99 10 ⁽²⁾	26,77	7,33
1701 99 90 ⁽²⁾	26,77	7,33
1702 90 99 ⁽³⁾	0,27	0,38

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Council Regulation (EEC) No 431/68 (OJ L 89, 10.4.1968, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/72 (OJ L 94, 21.4.1972, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ By 1 % sucrose content.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2546/2000
of 17 November 2000
amending the export refunds on syrups and certain other sugar sector products exported in the
natural state

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the third indent of Article 18(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The refunds on syrups and certain other sugar products were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2422/2000 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2513/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) It follows from applying the rules, criteria and other provisions contained in amended Regulation (EC) No 2422/2000 to the information at present available to

the Commission that the export refunds at present in force should be altered as shown in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The refunds to be granted on the products listed in Article 1 (1) (d), (f) and (g) of Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999, exported in the natural state, as fixed in the Annex to amended Regulation (EC) No 2422/2000 are hereby altered to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 289, 16.11.2000, p. 24.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 amending the export refunds on syrups and certain other sugar products exported in the natural state

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1702 40 10 9100	A00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	38,74 ⁽²⁾
1702 60 10 9000	A00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	38,74 ⁽²⁾
1702 60 80 9100	A00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	73,61 ⁽⁴⁾
1702 60 95 9000	A00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874 ⁽¹⁾
1702 90 30 9000	A00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	38,74 ⁽²⁾
1702 90 60 9000	A00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874 ⁽¹⁾
1702 90 71 9000	A00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874 ⁽¹⁾
1702 90 99 9900	A00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾
2106 90 30 9000	A00	EUR/100 kg dry matter	38,74 ⁽²⁾
2106 90 59 9000	A00	EUR/1 % sucrose × net 100 kg of product	0,3874 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ The basic amount is not applicable to syrups which are less than 85 % pure (Regulation (EC) No 2135/95). Sucrose content is determined in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

⁽²⁾ Applicable only to products referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

⁽³⁾ The basic amount is not applicable to the product defined under point 2 of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 3513/92 (OJ L 355, 5.12.1992, p. 12).

⁽⁴⁾ Applicable only to products defined under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 2135/95.

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2543/1999 (OJ L 307, 2.12.1999, p. 46).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2547/2000**of 17 November 2000****amending the rates of the refunds applicable to certain products from the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2038/1999 of 13 September 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1527/2000 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18(5)(a) and (15) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The rates of the refunds applicable from 1 November 2000 to the products listed in the Annex, exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty, were fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2431/2000 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2514/2000 ⁽⁴⁾.

- (2) It follows from applying the rules and criteria contained in Regulation (EC) No 2431/2000 to the information at present available to the Commission that the export refunds at present applicable should be altered as shown in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The rates of refund fixed by Regulation (EC) No 2431/2000 are hereby altered as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 18 November 2000.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

Erkki LIIKANEN

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 17 November 2000 altering the rates of the refunds applicable to certain products in the sugar sector exported in the form of goods not covered by Annex I to the Treaty

Product	Rate of refund in EUR/100 kg	
	In case of advance fixing of refunds	Other
White sugar:	38,74	38,74

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 25.9.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 175, 14.7.2000, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 279, 1.11.2000, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 289, 16.11.2000, p. 26.

REGULATION (EC) No 2548/2000 OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
of 2 November 2000
concerning transitional provisions for the application of minimum reserves by the European
Central Bank following the introduction of the euro in Greece
(ECB/2000/11)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank (hereinafter referred to as the 'Statute') and in particular to Article 19.1 and the first indent of Article 47.2 thereof, to Council Regulation (EC) No 2531/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the application of minimum reserves by the European Central Bank ⁽¹⁾ and to Council Regulation (EC) No 2532/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the powers of the European Central Bank to impose sanctions ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 of 23 November 1998 concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank ⁽³⁾ (ECB), and in particular to Articles 5(1) and 6(4) thereof,

Having regard to ECB Regulation (EC) No 2818/98 of 1 December 1998 on the application of minimum reserves (ECB/1998/15) ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by ECB Regulation (EC) No 1921/2000 ⁽⁵⁾,

Having regard to ECB Regulation (EC) No 2819/98 of 1 December 1998 concerning the consolidated balance sheet of the monetary financial institutions sector (ECB/1998/16) ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by ECB Regulation (EC) No 1921/2000 ⁽⁷⁾,

Having regard to the contribution by the General Council of the European Central Bank,

Whereas:

- (1) The introduction of the euro in Greece as of 1 January 2001 entails the submission of credit institutions located in Greece and branches in Greece of credit institutions to the ESCB's minimum reserves system as of the same date.
- (2) The integration of these entities into the ESCB's minimum reserves system requires the adoption of transitional provisions in order to ensure smooth integration without creating a disproportionate burden for credit institutions in participating Member States, including Greece.

- (3) The conjunction of Article 5 of the Statute and Article 10 of the Treaty establishing the European Community implies an obligation for Member States to design and implement at national level all the appropriate measures in order to carry out the collection of the statistical information needed to fulfil the ECB's statistical reporting requirements and the timely preparation in the field of statistics in order for them to become participating Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Transitional provisions

The transitional provisions for the application of minimum reserves by the ECB following the introduction of the euro in Greece are set out in the Annex to the present Regulation which shall form an integral part of this Regulation.

In the absence of specific provisions in this Regulation, the provisions of Regulations (EC) No 2818/98 and (EC) No 2819/98 shall apply.

Article 2

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. The provisions set out in the Annex of this Regulation shall only be effective with regard to the first maintenance periods of 2001.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 2 November 2000.

For the Governing Council of the ECB

The President

Willem F. DUISENBERG

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 356, 30.12.1998, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 229, 9.9.2000, p. 34.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 356, 30.12.1998, p. 7.

⁽⁷⁾ See footnote 5.

ANNEX

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE INTEGRATION OF INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN GREECE INTO THE ESCB'S MINIMUM RESERVE SYSTEM

1. Credit institutions located in Greece and branches in Greece of credit institutions (hereafter 'institutions located in Greece') shall be subject to minimum reserve requirements from 1 January 2001. A transitional maintenance period shall run from 1 January 2001 to 23 January 2001 for the institutions located in Greece. The maintenance period applicable to institutions located in other participating Member States in accordance with Article 7 of ECB Regulation (EC) No 2818/98 shall remain unaffected by the existence of a transitional maintenance period for institutions located in Greece.

I. Transitional maintenance period for institutions located in Greece

2. The reserve base of each institution located in Greece in respect of this transitional maintenance period shall be defined in relation to elements of its balance sheet as of 30 November 2000. The reserve base shall be reported by each institution to the Bank of Greece before the start of this transitional maintenance period in accordance with the reporting framework for the money and banking statistics of the ECB, which is laid down in ECB Regulation (EC) No 2819/98. Institutions located in Greece that benefit from the derogation provided by Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2819/98 shall calculate a reserve base for the transitional maintenance period on the basis of their balance sheet as of 30 November 2000 and report the reserve base to the Bank of Greece before the start of the transitional maintenance period.
3. In respect of the transitional maintenance period, individual reserve requirements of institutions located in Greece shall be calculated and notified by the calculating party before the start of the transitional maintenance period in accordance with the procedure mentioned in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2818/98. The calculated reserve requirements shall be confirmed at the latest on the first NCB business day of the transitional maintenance period in accordance with the procedure mentioned in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2818/98.
4. In respect of the transitional maintenance period, for the purposes of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2818/98, the revising party shall notify the other party of the revisions at the latest on 15 January 2001. Revisions shall be acknowledged by the notified party at the latest on 16 January 2001. The absence of a reaction on the part of the notified party by the end of 16 January 2001 shall be deemed to constitute an acknowledgement of the reserve requirement of the institution for the transitional maintenance period.

II. Transitional provisions for institutions located in other participating Member States

5. Institutions located in other participating Member States may decide to benefit from the possibility to deduct from their reserve bases, for the maintenance periods from 24 December 2000 to 23 January 2001 and from 24 January 2001 to 23 February 2001, the liabilities owed to institutions located in Greece not listed as exempt from the ESCB's minimum reserve system. Institutions may rely on the lists mentioned in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2818/98 when deciding whether their liabilities are owed to another institution that is itself subject to reserve requirements.
6. Institutions located in other participating Member States that wish to benefit from the possibility to deduct the liabilities owed to institutions located in Greece shall report for the months of November and December 2000 a table in accordance with footnote (7) of Table 1 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 2819/98 with institutions located in Greece being considered as already subject to the ESCB's minimum reserves system.

This is without prejudice to the obligation for institutions to report statistical information for the concerned periods in accordance with Table 1 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 2819/98, still considering institutions located in Greece as being banks located in the Rest of the world.

The tables shall be reported in accordance with the normal time limits and procedures set out in Regulation (EC) No 2819/98.

7. A reporting institution that benefits from the derogation provided by Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2819/98 may decide to report for the months of November and December 2000 a table in accordance with footnote (7) of Table 1 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 2819/98 with institutions located in Greece being considered as already subject to the ESCB's minimum reserves system.

In such case, the data relating to November 2000 shall be reported to the relevant participating NCB at the latest on 23 December 2000. The reserve base of the institution concerned for the maintenance periods starting on 24 December 2000 and 24 January 2001 shall be calculated on the basis of the data relating to November 2000.

The data relating to December 2000 shall be reported in accordance with the normal time limits and procedures applicable to the credit institution concerned. The reserve base of the institution concerned for the maintenance periods starting on 24 February, 24 March and 24 April 2001 shall be calculated on the basis of the data relating to December 2000.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

**COUNCIL DECISION
of 10 November 2000**

authorising France to apply an exemption from excise duty for certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC

(2000/719/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/81/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC, the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission may authorise any Member State to introduce exemptions or reductions in the excise duty charged on mineral oils for special policy considerations.
- (2) The French authorities have informed the Commission that they wish to introduce an exemption from excise duty for gases used as engine fuel in gas powered refuse collection vehicles from 1 January 2000.
- (3) This measure extends the coverage of a previously authorised derogation ⁽²⁾ for an exemption from duty for gases used as engine fuel for public transport vehicles and forms part of a programme to reduce atmospheric pollution by providing an incentive for increasing the number of vehicles running on LPG or natural gas.
- (4) The other Member States have been informed thereof.
- (5) The Commission and Member States consider that, on the basis of the currently available information, there are no indications that the introduction of an exemption from excise duty for gases used as engine fuels in gas powered refuse collection vehicles is likely to give rise to

distortions of competition or hinder the operation of the internal market.

- (6) This Decision does not prejudice the outcome of any State aid procedures that may be undertaken in accordance with Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty.
- (7) The Commission regularly reviews reductions and exemptions to check that they are compatible with the operation of the internal market or with Community policy on protection of the environment.
- (8) France has requested authorisation to introduce an exemption from excise duty for gases used as fuel in gas powered refuse collection vehicles with effect from 1 January 2000.
- (9) The Council will review this decision on the basis of a proposal from the Commission no later than 31 December 2002 when the authorisation granted by this Decision expires,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC and notwithstanding the obligations imposed by Council Directive 92/82/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the approximation of the rates of excise duties on mineral oils ⁽³⁾ and in particular the minimum rates laid down in Article 7 thereof, France is hereby authorised to introduce an exemption from excise duty for gases used as engine fuel in gas powered refuse collection vehicles from 1 January 2000 until 31 December 2002.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 12. Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.1994, p. 46).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 97/91/EC (OJ L 29, 31.1.1997, p. 53).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Directive 94/74/EC (OJ L 365, 31.12.1994, p. 46).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2000.

For the Council
The President
C. JOSSELIN

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 November 2000

amending Decision 2000/650/EC on marking and use of pigmeat in application of Article 9 of Council Directive 80/217/EEC concerning the United Kingdom

(notified under document number C(2000) 3193)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/720/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/217/EEC of 22 January 1980 introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 9(6)(g) thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) In August, September and October 2000 outbreaks of classical swine fever in the United Kingdom were declared by the veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom.
- (2) In accordance with Article 9(1) of Directive 80/217/EEC protection and surveillance zones were immediately established around outbreak sites in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.
- (3) The provisions for the use of a health mark on fresh meat are given in Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Directive 95/23/EEC ⁽³⁾.
- (4) Following a request of the United Kingdom, by Decision 2000/543/EC ⁽⁴⁾ and Decision 2000/650/EC ⁽⁵⁾ the Commission adopted a specific solution concerning marking and use of pigmeat coming from pigs kept on holdings situated in one surveillance zone established in Norfolk and slaughtered, subject to a specific authorisation issued by the competent authority.
- (5) The United Kingdom has submitted a further request for the adoption of a specific solution concerning marking and use of pigmeat coming from pigs kept on holdings

situated in the surveillance zones established in Norfolk and Suffolk in relation to the outbreaks confirmed as at 4 October 2000.

- (6) Decision 2000/650/EC should be amended in order that the provisions of this Decision are adopted in other surveillance zones, in accordance with the request of the United Kingdom.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Decision 2000/650/EC the words 'originating from holdings situated in the surveillance zone established in Norfolk following the outbreak confirmed on 9 August 2000' are replaced by the words 'originating from holdings situated in the surveillance zones established in Norfolk and Suffolk following the outbreaks confirmed as at 4 October 2000.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 47, 21.1.1980, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012/64.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 7.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 231, 13.9.2000, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 272, 25.10.2000, p. 42.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 7 November 2000
on introducing vaccination to supplement the measures to control avian influenza in Italy and on
specific movement control measures

(notified under document number C(2000) 3257)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/721/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Council Directive 92/118/EEC ⁽²⁾, and, in particular, Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Council Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular, Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/40/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of avian influenza ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Italy has during 1999 and 2000 experienced outbreaks of avian influenza with devastating economic losses for the poultry industry.
- (2) Italy has during epidemiological investigations for avian influenza detected the presence of low pathogenic avian influenza virus.
- (3) The low pathogenic virus can mutate to a highly pathogenic virus and cause disease outbreaks.
- (4) The low pathogenic virus circulates at present in an area of Italy with dense poultry population.
- (5) Vaccination can in this context be an effective tool to supplement disease control measures.
- (6) Where vaccination against avian influenza is practised movement restrictions for vaccinated poultry have to be implemented.
- (7) Italy has presented a vaccination programme to supplement the measures to control avian influenza in a

limited area of Italy including specific movement restrictions.

- (8) Italy has authorised the use of an inactivated vaccine against avian influenza for the implementation of the programme. The vaccine is obtained from the Master seed strain CK/Pak/95-H7.
- (9) The Commission shall establish a technical working group to review the vaccination programme presented by Italy.
- (10) Italy shall introduce specific movement restrictions related to vaccination of poultry and to intra-Community trade.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The vaccination programme against avian influenza presented by Italy is hereby approved and shall be carried out in the area described in Annex I.
2. The programme referred to in paragraph 1 shall before 1 November 2000 be reviewed by a technical working group with the objective to improve the efficacy of the programme if possible.
3. The working group shall be established by the Commission.

Article 2

The restrictions on movements of live birds, hatching eggs, table eggs and poultrymeat into, out of and within the area described in Annex I shall apply as laid down in the vaccination programme referred to in Article 1(1).

Article 3

1. No live birds and hatching eggs coming from and/or originating from the area described in Annex II shall be dispatched from Italy.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 167, 22.6.1992, p. 1.

2. Live birds and hatching eggs coming from and/or originating from the territory of Italy outside the area listed in Annex II can only be dispatched from Italy, if no contacts or other epidemiological links in relation to avian influenza can be established to a holding or a hatchery situated in the area described in the Annex I.

Article 4

Animal health certificates accompanying consignments of live birds and hatching eggs from Italy shall include the words: 'The animal health conditions of this consignment are in accordance with Decision 2000/721/EC'.

Article 5

Fresh meat of poultry originating from the area described in Annex I and fresh poultrymeat produced in slaughterhouses located within the area described in Annex I must be marked in accordance with Article 5 of Council Directive 91/494/EEC ⁽¹⁾ and cannot be dispatched from Italy.

Article 6

Italy shall ensure that in the area described in Annex I:

1. Only disposable packaging material or packaging material, which can be effectively washed and disinfected, is used for the collection, storage and transport of table eggs.
2. All means of transport used for poultry, hatching eggs, table eggs and poultry feedstuff must be cleaned and disinfected immediately before and after each transport with disinfectants including the methods of use approved by the competent authority.

Article 7

Movements of live poultry and hatching eggs coming from areas of Italy outside the area described in Annex II to other Member States shall only be allowed following five days advance notification to the central and local veterinary authorities of destination. The notification shall be dispatched by the competent veterinary authority.

Article 8

1. Italy shall notify to the Commission and to other Member States the date of the commence of the vaccination at least five days in advance.
2. The provisions of the Articles 2 to 7 shall be enforced from the date of the commence of the vaccination and have to stay in place for a period of time after the end of vaccination which will be determined before its end.

Article 9

Italy shall at six-month intervals present a report containing information on the effectiveness of the vaccination programme referred to in Article 1(1).

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.

ANNEX I

Area where vaccination is carried out:**In the region of Veneto in the province of Verona the following municipalities:**

Roverchiara

Angiari

Isola Rizza

S. Pietro di Morubio

Oppeano

Palù

Ronco all'Adige

Albaredo d'Adige

Bonavigo

Cerea

Bovolone

Concamarise

Salizzole

Isola della Scala

Nogara

S. Giovanni Lupatoto

area to the south of the A4 motorway

Verona

area to the south of the A4 motorway and to the east of the territory of the municipality of S. Giovanni Lupatoto

area to the south of the A4 motorway and to the west of the territory of the municipality of S. Giovanni Lupatoto

S. Martino Buon Albergo

area to the south of the A4 motorway

Lavagno

area to the south of the A4 motorway

Colognola ai Colli

area to the south of the A4 motorway

San Bonifacio

area to the south of the A4 motorway

Caldiero

Buttapietra

Zevio

Belfiore

Arcole

Zimella

Veronella

Cologna Veneta

Pressana

Roveredo di Guà

Minerbe

Gazzo Veronese

Sanguinetto

Casaleone

Legnago

Boschi Sant'Anna

Erbè

Sorgà

Castel d'Azzano

Vigasio

Trevenzuolo

*ANNEX II***The region of Veneto consisting of the following provinces:**

Belluno

Padova

Rovigo

Treviso

Verona

Vicenza

Venezia
